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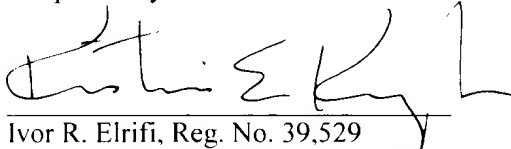
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002 ("Office Action"), transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

Response to April 17, 2002 Office Action (15 pages)
including Appendices A-C and Exhibit 1;
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
Modified Form 1449, in duplicate (1 page),
with references A2-A3, B2-B4 and C15-C16 enclosed;
Petition for three (3) Month Extension;
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP 1 (Cura 57 CIP1). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This filing is in response to the April 17, 2002 Office Action ("Office Action"). Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks prior to further prosecution.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Replace the Abstract on page 115 with the following amended Abstract.

The present invention provides FGF-CX polypeptides and polynucleotides, and antibodies that immunospecifically bind to FGF-CX or any derivative, variant, mutant, or fragment of the FGF-CX polypeptide, polynucleotide or antibody. The invention additionally provides methods of use for the FGF-CX polypeptide, polynucleotide and antibody.

Replace page 115 with substitute page 115 attached as Appendix C.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b), a marked up version of the Abstract showing the changes made appears as Appendix A of this Amendment. A substitute page 115 is provided in Appendix A.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 2, 3 and 4 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter.

Replace claims 1, 5, 41 and 46 with the amended claims below.